

We Wish You a Merry Christmas



NOT simply one day of merry time, but three hundred and sixty-five days, all through the year 1911, may you have pleasant times, and your family too, and if you have no family, then with your friends and relatives, by having good health, good crops, high prices, plenty of money, and many true friends. After all, it now is what man accumulates in wealth, in houses and lands, in knowledge or in power, in honors, for all of these fade away when he passes away, but that which lives and fades not away, are the deeds of good and acts of kindness to those around us, the little money spent to return wishes, the kind word spoken just in the nick of time that saved someone from falling or made some one better or has given strength and encouragement to the weak and faltering, counts more to your credit with God and man at the end of life, than all your houses and land. Take this thought with you, do some good to somebody or institution each day of life through the year 1910, and you will have a merry Xmas each day of life.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The twenty-fifth of December, rather the week about that time, has been celebrated for many ages with rejoicing. Long before the Christian era, the pagan astronomers decided that these were the shortest days before the sun returned to northern lands to bring another spring and seed time and harvest. The dreary winter was at its worst, and the coming days would have longer hours of light and sunshine and the re-awakening of nature. Therefore sing and be joyful. The Egyptians held a festival in honor of the birth of their god Horus. The Romans called it, "the birthday of the invincible sun," and dedicated it to Bacchus, rejoicing with him that the sun was about to return and revivify the vineyards. The Persians held a festival of uncommon splendor as the birthday of Mithras, the mediator a spirit of the sun. In the north country among the worshippers of Odin it was a nature festival of riotous feasting, for the winter was fast approaching its end. It has been a time for universal celebration according to ancient written history since the beginning and obscure tribes in remote nations have legends of their own about what we call Christmastide, the feast of peace and good will.

As Christianity brought its blessings to follow the good of past religions, it seems only right that the birth of Christ should come at a time of general rejoicing. It made it easy the savior of light, at a time when the returning sunshine in the skies was symbolical of the feeling of brotherly kindness which was taught in the love of a little child. And so as early as the second century the church celebrated Christmas day when the heathen were honoring their gods.

The Christmas celebration, as we know it, is but a reincarnation of the Yuletide of the Anglo Saxon tribes. Singing is a proper way to manifest joy. It delights the singer and gives pleasure to others. The churchly carols were not enough for feasting remains. And so with that old divine old carol, "Adeste Fideles," are convivial songs.

Come hither, ye faithful;
Triumphantly sing;
Come, see the manger,
Our Savior and King.
To Bethlehem hasten,
With joyous accord?

Oh, come ye, come hither,
To worship the Lord;
The contrast lies in "A Cry of
Bringing in ye Bore's Head."

Capri april deferor,
Reddens laudes domino.
The bore's head in hand bring I
With garlands gay and rosemary;
And I pry you all sing merely,
Quis estis in convivo.

The church of the early days had some of the wisdom of modern so-

cial service. It entertained its parishioners in a wordy way as well as meries enacted under the direction of the clergy rehearsed the scene in the stable. These plays gave rise to a number of legendary carols. The "Cherry Tree Carol" was popular in London in the last century. It related the story of the virgin begging Joseph to pluck some cherries for her, and when he refuses, the unborn babe speaks and tells his mother to reach out her hand and the tree will bow before her, and the carol goes on to say:

"Then bespake Joseph
I have done Mary wrong," etc.
Another carol of this time is full of beautiful imagery
"As Joseph was a-walking,
He heard an angel sing—
This night shall be born,
Our heavenly king;
He neither shall be born
In house nor in hall,
Nor in the place of Paradise,
But in an ox's stall," etc.
This is in the same spirit as our familiar:

"While shepherds watched their flock
by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shown around."

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Good tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."
And who would forget the swing
of melody, and the charity taught in
"Good King Wenceslaus looked forth
On the least of Stephen."

He saw the beggar gathering fuel
In the snow that lay "round about,"
and calls to his servants to bring
him robes and wine and to fetch the
poor man in from the cold.

In the rural districts the nature festival lasted long after the church had taken the feast. There were remains of tree worship and sacrifice to Pomona in Cornwall as late as 150 years ago. The peasants used to go into the orchards on Christmas day with pails full of cider and roasted apples. The health of the trees was drunk to song, and libations poured upon the roots. In various sections of northern Europe it is the custom to decorate trees out of doors. The fir trees as evergreens and the fruit trees for their promises, were trimmed with long streamers of ribbon or paper.

The Christmas tree finds its ancestor in the German ash Ygdrasil, a great tree whose top reached to Walhalla, the home of the gods and whose roots were fast in the earth.

The Germans have a wealth of carols, but nearly all of them are of a religious nature.

"Oh Tannenbaum, Oh Tannenbaum"
or the song of the fir tree at Christmas time has become world wide. Who could count the households that gather around the tapers lighted and

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the tree loaded with gifts to sing this in unison.

In the English household the song is:
"Gather round the Christmas tree,
Ever green has its branches been
It is king of all the woodland scene."

Or it may be:
"Carol, brothers, carol,
Carol joyfully,
Carol for the coming of Christ's nativity."

The good old custom of singing from house to house on Christmas eve has crept across the water from England to America. It was a part of the program of the season to learn these carols and to gather in bands, going from house to house across the snow and singing before the doors. The neighbors knew they were coming, preparing cakes and warm drinks and sometimes gifts of money. Whoever has heard "God rest thee, merry gentlemen, let nothing ye dismay," sung heartily in the frosty air has a thrill and an experience that returns to him every Christmas after.

And every Christmas morn is awakened with the stirring strains of "Shout the glad tidings exultingly sing."

But we must not think that England or Germany sing all the carol music. France has a quaint literature all of its own. Here is one of Nowell, or Noel, and from north to south there are delightful variations of it. These words or the English translated long ago preserve the spirit:

"Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
This is the salutacyon of the angell gabryell,
Tydyngs treu ther be cum neu sent from the trynyte,
Be gabryell to nazareth cety of gallie,
A cleue maydyn and pure virgyn thorow her humylyte,
Hath conceybed the person secund in delta."

Pere Noel comes down the chimney and gives gifts just as Father Christmas does across the channel, and the little French children sing:
"Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel singeth clear,
Holpen are all folk on earth
Born is God's son so dear."

—L. M. McCauley.

Modern Woodmen of America.

The M. W. A. held their regular election of officers on Monday night, and the following were elected:

Isom Wright, V. C.
A. S. McCracken, Advisor.
Frd L. ellans, Banker.
Fred W. Simpson, Clerk.
M. Eppstein, Escort.
Wm. Lipphardt, I. W.
Geo. H. Boshell, Sentry.
F. H. Miller, Manager.
Drs. A. E. Foelt and E. C. But-ton, Physicians.

School Report.

The following is the report of School Dist. 15 for the month ending December 16, 1910:

Number of pupils enrolled 7;
girls 3, boys 4.

Cases of tardiness, 3.

Average daily attendance, 5.8.

Those neither absent nor tardy were Roland and Wm. Wells.

Etta and Floyd Hooton.

Friends and patrons are invited to visit our school at any time.

—Dora Roberson, Teacher.

Will Cooke was down from the west side this week.

C. W. Kyle and son, of La-Crosse, were in the city Tuesday enroute to Pawnee Rock.

Jake Miller this week found an old business card, gotten out in an early day by Dave Hiezer and Rufe Bell. It was certainly a go-er.

R. L. Hamilton, Dr. H. W. Jury, C. T. Turner, and Ed Ingersoll, were down from Claflin last Friday evening.

The K. of C's. held a little card party last Friday evening, followed with refreshments. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

The fine weather continues, but oh, you next year's wheat crop, if some moisture does not come soon.

Miss Winifred Feder has been absent from school several days the past week on account of illness.

Mrs. Eugene Knox and son left this week to join Mr. Knox, who is now located at Raton, N. M.

Henry Witte, Jr., was down from the Olmitz country Monday.

M. J. Stukey and George Boyle were down from Albion Tuesday.

M. C. Sharpe left this week for the south on a little visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henks have returned from a visit in the east.

In Jennison's court last Monday Frank Abel was convicted of violating the prohibitory law. He received the usual dose, \$500 and costs and 30 days in jail.

Mrs. H. F. Kariete and son, who have been guests at the home of Jesse Powellson, returned this week to their home in Chillicothe, Mo.

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